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TITLE *TURBO DECODER AND ITS CALCULATION METHOD*
HAVING A STATE METRIC

This application was preliminarily rejected pursuant to Article 63 of the Korean Patent Law based on the following reason. Should there be any opinion against this action, please file a written argument by January 29, 2003. (You can apply for 1-month extension per each case, and we do not notify you of the confirmation for such term extension.)

[REASON]

This invention described in claim 1 can be easily invented by those skilled in the art as pointed out below. Accordingly, the above-identified patent application cannot be registered pursuant

[BELOW]

The present invention presented in the detailed description and claim 1 is directed to a turbo decoder which includes a branch metric computing means, a state metric computing means for computing and storing a backward state metric and computing and transmitting a forward metric; and a log likelihood ratio computing means.

A MAP decoding algorithm including the steps of: computing a branch metric, computing and storing a backward state metric, computing a forward state metric, and computing a log likelihood ratio is disclosed in an article by S. Pietrobon, entitled "Implementation and Performance of a Serial MAP Decoder for use in an Iterative Turbo Decoder", IEEE International Symposium on Information Theory, pp. 471, September 1995, which is enclosed herein by Reference. Therefore, the structure of the present invention is considered to be invented easily by those of ordinary skill in the art from the steps of the cited Reference.

[Attachment] Implementation and Performance of a Serial MAP Decoder for use in an Iterative Turbo Decoder
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